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Memorandum for: Dr. James Killian  
Chairman, President's Foreign  
Intelligence Advisory Board

This is to let you know that your letter of November 14th asking for a report on the intelligence community's activities during the 12-month period preceding 14 October 1962, specifically in regard to Cuba, has been received and will be discussed at the meeting of the United States Intelligence Board tomorrow. Additionally, I have sent copies of it to Secretary Rusk, Secretary McNamara, Mr. McGeorge Bundy, and the Attorney General for their information.

I think you realize that it is a sizeable task to be fully responsive by the time of your next meeting on December 7th. Although the Central Intelligence Agency is well along toward its final report, the consolidation of this report with those from other members of the intelligence community will require some painstaking and closely-integrated effort.

I will do my best to get my final report to you prior to your next meeting.

PFIAB review completed

John A. McCone  
Director

cc: J. Patrick Coyne  
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November 14, 1962

Dear John:

On behalf of the President's Board, I wish to express our appreciation for your submission at our November 9 meeting of the memorandum dated November 7, 1962, which had been prepared within the Central Intelligence Agency on the subject "CIA Handling of the Soviet Build-up in Cuba, 1 July - 16 October 1962."

The memorandum which you supplied, and your comments to the Board, were an instructive contribution to our current review of the intelligence collection and reporting roles performed by the United States intelligence community with respect to the vitally important subject matter involved.

In furtherance of the Board's review it would be helpful if we were supplied with information on all pertinent aspects of the total U. S. foreign intelligence effort which was brought to bear in providing advance information and assessments of the developing ballistic missile capability which was positively confirmed by means of photographic reconnaissance over Cuba on October 14, 1962. Such information will materially assist the Board in its continuing appraisal of our foreign intelligence activities and should facilitate the consideration of measures for the further strengthening of our intelligence system. Accordingly, the Board would like to request a review on an all-source, all-agency basis of the actions taken and results obtained within the intelligence community in providing intelligence coverage, reporting and estimates of the developing build-up during the twelve month period preceding October 14, 1962.

It would be appreciated if a report setting forth the results of the intelligence community's review would include: (a) an identification of the requirements levied on intelligence collection elements of the Government, (b) a resume of the intelligence information obtained from such sources as foreign diplomatic personnel, Cuban refugee interrogations, in-place agent reports, COMINT, and ELINT during the period

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referred to above, (c) the scope of distribution given such information to higher authority and laterally within the intelligence community, and (d) the extent to which such information was reflected in reports and assessments provided to policy level officials.

We understand that the Department of Defense is reviewing its own intelligence activities pertaining to the Cuban situation, and this will doubtless be helpful in this matter. If the results of the intelligence community's review could be made available to the Board in time for consideration at its next meeting on December 7, without materially interfering with substantive matters of importance, the Board would thereby be enabled to respond in timely fashion to requests which are before it.

FOR THE BOARD

*James R. Killian, Jr.*  
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Chairman

Mr. John McCone  
Director of Central  
Intelligence

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